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THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) A statement[a] showing the particulars of the applicants for cement industry is placed on the table of the House.

" (c) The Government of Madras recommended the following applications :—
(i) Sri S. N. N. Sankaralinga Ayyar.
(ii) Sri Rao Bahadur B. P. Sesha Reddi.
(iii) Sri A. Satyanarayanamurthy.
(iv) Sri S. S. Natarajan.
(v) The Raja of Venkatagiri.

" (d) to (f) The Government of India have accepted the recommendations of this Government in regard to the applications from the following persons only :—
(i) Sri S. N. N. Sankaralinga Iyer.
(ii) Sri Rao Bahadur B. P. Sesha Reddi.

" (g) & (h) It will not be in the public interest to disclose details of such correspondence between the two Governments.

" (i) This Government's recommendation for a cement factory at Kurnool was accepted by the Government of India in October 1946.

" (j) Yes.

" (k) & (l) The Government have under consideration the question of nationalization of certain basic industries including cement manufacture and until they reach a decision on this matter further action on individual applications has been deferred.

" I should like to add to this, that these questions have been considered and also the question of nationalization. It is likely that the individual concern may get the licence under certain conditions. That will be informed in due course, because the decisions are not yet complete."

Pay of Assistant Crown Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors.

* 84 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answers to Question No. 57 and supplementary questions on the same, will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) when the grades of salaries of Assistant Crown Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors were fixed ;

(b) whether in view of the increased cost of living, the question of revising the grades has been considered;

(c) whether the duties performed by officers belonging to different grades are the same or different ;

(d) if the duties are the same, whether there is need to maintain officers of different grades instead of one grade ;

(e) what the rules governing their travelling allowances are ;

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(*f*) whether Police Officers are eligible for appointment as Assistant Crown Prosecutors or as Assistant Public Prosecutors;

(*g*) whether there have been instances where Police Prosecuting Officers have been preferred for these appointments even when they do not satisfy the qualifications fixed in spite of the fact that there are other eligible candidates;

(*h*) whether the question of exercising supervision over the work of these officers by the Public Prosecutors has been considered, in view of the fact that the District Magistrate is also the head of the Police in the district; and

(*i*) whether the Government propose to consider the question of transferring the power of recruitment of these officers to the Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" (*a*) The existing scales of pay were fixed in 1943 in the case of Assistant Crown Prosecutors and in 1944 in the case of Assistant Public Prosecutors.

" (*b*) Yes. The question was examined by the Cabinet Salaries Committee, 1946, and its recommendations have been accepted by the Government.

" (*c*) The duties performed by the officers belonging to the different grades are not the same; while the Junior Assistant Crown Prosecutors and Senior Assistant Crown Prosecutors perform the same duties, the Chief Assistant Crown Prosecutor has more onerous duties such as advising the Commissioner and also taking up the more important cases.

" (*d*) The two grades of Junior Assistant Crown Prosecutors and Senior Assistant Crown Prosecutors are considered necessary in order to provide scope for financial advancement by way of promotion from the junior to the senior grade

" (*e*) Assistant Crown Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors are governed by the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules.

" (*f*) Prosecuting Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Police are eligible for appointment as Assistant Public Prosecutors, Grade I and Grade II respectively.

" (*g*) There have been cases where Prosecuting Sub-Inspectors of Police without the prescribed legal qualifications, were appointed as Assistant Public Prosecutors, Grade II. The appointments were made because the officers concerned were found suitable and efficient.

" (*h*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*i*) No such proposal is under consideration at present."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, why Police officers were appointed as Assistant Public Prosecutors when they did not possess the prescribed legal qualifications while candidates possessing the necessary qualifications and eligible for the posts were available and why this step was considered necessary by the District Magistrate? "

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THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Though they have no legal qualifications, still in the light of experience they have been able to carry on their duties quite satisfactorily."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have waived the qualifications in respect of these officers or whether the appointing authorities themselves have waived them? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" I don't know, Sir; the Government must call for the information and must set right, if they are irregular."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, in Madura, where there are a number of competent lawyers available, where is the necessity to prefer police officers? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" The District Magistrate must have thought that in cases like these, the police officers would prove more efficient than Assistant Public Prosecutors."

SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" May I invite the attention of the Hon. Minister that a Graduate in Law is a necessary qualification for such posts? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Yes, Sir, but in some cases there were exceptions."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" What is the need for exemption in a district like Madura where there are a number of lawyers? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" I will investigate that matter, Sir."

SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Should not any attempt be made to invite applications from lawyers before filling these posts by police officers? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" If it is with regard to Madura, I say again I shall investigate it."

Digging pits by the roadside.

* 85 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the practice of digging pits, sometimes deep, by the roadside for removing earth required for road-making or road repairs has become widespread;

(*b*) whether in the rainy seasons water stagnates in these pits;

(*c*) whether these pits form ideal farms for mosquito breeding;

(*d*) whether malaria prevails in most of the villages by the roadside on account of the objectionable practice referred to in (*a*);

(*e*) whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of putting a stop to the practice in the interests of public health;